

RECENT PRICE	29.07	P/E RATIO	12.5 (Trailing: 12.5 Median: 15.0)	RELATIVE P/E RATIO	0.67	DIV'D YLD	3.6%	VALUE LINE
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2019-21 PROJECTIONS

	Price	Gain	Ann'l Total Return
High	40	(+40%)	11%
Low	30	(+5%)	5%

Insider Decisions

	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A
to Buy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Options	1	9	5	9	0	0	0	2	0
to Sell	3	2	5	3	1	0	0	5	0

Institutional Decisions

	3Q2015	4Q2015	1Q2016
to Buy	802	850	890
to Sell	731	734	738

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	THIS STOCK	VL ARITH. INDEX
1 yr.	2.4	-3.3
3 yr.	31.3	25.5
5 yr.	96.5	51.1

CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 4/30/16				28484	34922	39540	36117	40040	43218	46061	48607	47142	49161	48800	50250	Revenues (\$mill) ^	59500	
				29.1%	28.7%	28.3%	25.2%	28.0%	32.0%	33.3%	31.0%	31.4%	31.6%	31.5%	32.0%	Operating Margin	32.0%	
Total Debt \$28.6 bill. Due in 5 years \$18.8 bill.				1293.0	1413.0	1744.0	1768.0	2030.0	2486.0	2602.0	2351.0	2432.0	2442.0	2000	2100	Depreciation (\$mill)	2750	
LT Debt \$24.4 bill. LT Interest \$660 mill. (28% of Cap'l)				5580.0	7333.0	8052.0	6134.0	7767.0	9033.0	10017	10866	10863	11354	11700	11950	Net Profit (\$mill)	14400	
Leases, Uncapitalized Annual rentals \$346 mill.				26.9%	22.5%	21.5%	20.3%	17.5%	21.3%	21.9%	20.8%	20.8%	21.7%	22.0%	22.0%	Income Tax Rate	22.0%	
				19.6%	21.0%	20.4%	17.0%	19.4%	20.9%	21.7%	22.4%	23.0%	23.1%	24.0%	23.9%	Net Profit Margin	24.2%	
No Defined Benefit Pension Plan				14363	18216	21841	30522	32188	39725	44202	43329	47305	52660	52000	51850	Working Cap'l (\$mill)	49550	
Pfd Stock None				6332.0	6408.0	6393.0	10295	12188	16234	16297	12928	20401	21457	21000	19500	Long-Term Debt (\$mill)	17500	
				23912	31480	34353	38647	44267	47226	51286	59120	56654	59698	64390	69000	Shr. Equity (\$mill)	72500	
Common Stock 5,029,711,978 shs.				18.7%	19.9%	20.2%	12.9%	14.3%	14.7%	15.3%	15.5%	14.5%	14.3%	13.5%	13.5%	Return on Total Cap'l	16.0%	
as of 5/19/16				23.3%	23.3%	23.4%	15.9%	17.5%	19.1%	19.5%	18.4%	19.2%	19.0%	18.0%	17.5%	Return on Shr. Equity	20.0%	
MARKET CAP: \$146 billion (Large Cap)				23.3%	23.3%	23.4%	15.9%	17.5%	17.7%	16.6%	12.8%	12.5%	12.2%	10.5%	9.5%	Retained to Com Eq	11.5%	
CURRENT POSITION				2014	2015	4/30/16	--	--	--	--	7%	15%	30%	35%	36%	41%	45%	
																	All Div'ds to Net Prof	43%

BUSINESS: Cisco Systems, Inc. is a leading provider of Internet Protocol-based networking and other products for transporting data, voice, and video across geographically dispersed local-area networks, metropolitan-area networks, and wide-area networks. Devices are primarily integrated by Cisco IOS Software and include Routers, Switches, New Products, and Other. Provides services as-

Cisco Systems posted solid results for the April quarter. Earnings per share came in at \$0.57, two cents above our estimate and 5.5% above the prior year's tally. Revenues of \$12 billion matched our estimate and fell 1% year over year (rose 3% excluding the divested set-top box unit). Product sales advanced 1% and services

Product sales advanced 1% and service revenues increased 11% (4% normalized for an extra week in the period). Orders were up 3% and the book-to-bill ratio was above one. The standout metric was the gross margin of 65.2%, with 64.5% for products and 67.1% for services. The combined result was well ahead of the 62.5%-63.5% guidance range and the best showing since 2010. More efficient engineering, fewer price concessions, and improved freight and inventory management all contributed to the positive result. Management now expects this highly-scrutinized ratio to stay in the 63%-64% range. Guidance for July-quarter revenues and earnings is flat to up 3%.

Macroeconomic uncertainty has created a cautious spending environment. Router sales were 5% lower than last year owing mostly to service pro-

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 splits. **(D)** Long- and short-term assets beginning
 \$0.15 inventory writeoff. May not sum
 to rounding. Next egs. report due mid-
 year. GAAP egs. prior to 2011, pro-forma
 current assets beginning March
 after. **(C)** In millions, adjusted for stock
 Jan., April, July, and Oct.

viders becoming more conservative with capital expenditures of late. Sales to Web 2.0 clients have offset this somewhat, rising 31% in the quarter. Meanwhile, the largest unit by sales, Switching, saw its top line fall 3%, as some campus customers are delaying network upgrades. Overall, enterprise business fell 2%, commercial grew 8%, public sector was up 6%, and service provider sales were flat.

Concern over "white box" switches has faded somewhat. There has been no sign of generic low-cost devices disrupting Cisco's switching business. Cisco's ability to meet customers' desire for cost-efficient data center automation appears to be preventing them from transitioning to unbranded products. The company plans to evolve its offerings along with the technology transition in order to stay relevant.

Conservative income types should look here. Cisco is doing well in areas it can control, and seems positioned to take advantage of upcoming technology transitions. However, a weak demand environment will likely keep this industry bellwether under pressure for now.

Kevin Downing *June 17, 2016*

2016	.21	.26	last year, owing mostly to service pro-	Kevin Downing	June 17, 2016
<p>(A) Fiscal year ends on last Saturday in July (four 13-week quarters). (B) Diluted earnings. Excludes nonrecurring items: '00, (17¢); '01, (38¢); '02, (14¢); '03, (9¢); '04, (14¢). '01 in-</p>			<p>cludes \$0.15 inventory writeoff. May not sum due to rounding. Next egs. report due mid-August. GAAP egs. prior to 2011, pro-forma thereafter. (C) In millions, adjusted for stock</p>		<p>splits. (D) Long- and short-term investments in current assets beginning in fiscal 2006. (E) Dividend commenced March 29, 2011, paid in late Jan., April, July, and Oct.</p>
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